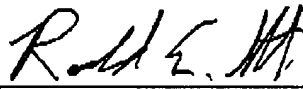


**Remarks:**

Applicant has carefully studied the non-final Examiner's Action mailed 11/02/2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 02/02/2007, and all references cited therein. The amendment appearing above and these explanatory remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Action. Accordingly, this important patent application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-9 and has accepted the allowance of claim 10.

If a Notice of Allowance cannot be entered at this time for any reason, a telephone call to the undersigned at (813) 925-8505 is requested. Applicant thanks the Office for its careful examination of this important patent application.

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